

MINUTES

City Council

Monday, October 18, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Holder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Devotional & Pledge: Councilmember Hall offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Mayor Holder presided. City Council Members: Don Bethune, Gwyn Hall, Bowen Jones, Durward Motes, and Judy Shuman. **Absent:** Bessie Kicklighter and Jimmy Spilliards.

Staff Present: Ron Feldner, Deputy City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Clara Rouse, Finance Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Nathan Mai-Lombardo, Planning Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; James Crosby, Fire Chief; Randall Griffin, Public Works Director; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director and Cory Salley, Assistant Finance Director. **Absent:** Brian Johnson, City Manger

Mayor Holder said City Council held a Pre-Agenda Session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the Pre-Agenda Session.

Presentation: Ms. Coleen Harvey, Fundraising Coordinator of the Muscular Dystrophy Association recognized Chief Crosby and the Garden City Firefighters for their support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. She said over the past four years the Garden City Fire Department raised over \$30,000. She said they raised \$10,000 this year. She thanked the community for donating and the Garden City Fire Department for their support.

Mayor Holder presented a proclamation to the Garden City Fire Department proclaiming the month of November as Garden City Fire Fighters Appreciation month in Garden City, Georgia.

Board & Commission Reports:

Planning Director presented the Board of Zoning Appeals/Planning Commission minutes date 10/12/10.

Planning Director reminded everyone of the Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, October 23, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. He said we have over forty vendors signed up for this year's festival. He said the festival will end with the fireworks display at 8:00 p.m.

Councilmember Jones presented the Garden City Beautification Committee minutes dated 10/11/10.

Public Hearings:

PC1012, Trans-World Properties, LLC - Rezoning: Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by the City of Garden City to rezone unincorporated properties located on Buckhalter Road and Dean Forest Road owned by Trans-World Properties, LLC. The City of Garden City request to rezone the following properties from a Chatham County "R-A" zoning district to a Garden City "C-2" zoning district. The properties for consideration are 10 Buckhalter Road; Part of Lot 40-A Silk Hope Plantation Section A, 1445 Dean Forest Road; Part of Lot 5 Pine Forest Tract, and 1143 Dean Forest Road; Lot 3 Dean Forest Acres.

Planning Director said that Mr. Smith would like to come in with a C-2 zoning classification, but Planning Commission recommends a C-1 zoning classification. He said you all will have an opportunity to discuss this case at an upcoming workshop.

Mr. Steve Bishop said I am concerned about how the C-2 zoning will impact my property. He said Mr. Smith's property is adjacent to my property which is zoned residential. He said there are five families living behind Mr. Smith's property and right now all the property is zoned residential. He said I am concerned about the commercial zoning.

Ms. Carol Kriner said my property backs up directly to Mr. Smith's property. She said I would like to see the property stay residential. She said when I first spoke to the Planning Commission they told me that perhaps the front of Mr. Smith's property could be rezoned commercial with the back portion remaining residential.

Councilmember Hall asked the Planning Director what Mr. Smith's intentions are with the property.

Planning Director said Mr. Smith has no plans at this time. He said I don't know if Mr. Smith would be interested in having a survey done to define the line on his property to divide the commercial from the residential. He said it would be hard to establish a dividing line.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing on PC1012.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes dated October 4, 2010.

Staff Reports:

Planning Director presented the Planning & Economic Development Department's Monthly Status Report.

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's Monthly Status Report.

Finance Director presented the Finance Department's Monthly Status Report.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's Monthly Status Report.
Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's Monthly Status Report.
Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's Monthly Status Report.
Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's Monthly Status Report.
Police Chief presented the Police Department's Monthly Status Report.

Councilmember Bethune asked if there have been any complaints from the residents regarding the Varnedoe Avenue Drainage Improvements Project.

Public Works Director said I haven't received any complaints.

Councilmember Bethune said I visited the site during construction and since completion. He said the project went smoothly and it turned out well.

Items for Consideration:

Minor Subdivision Map, Timothy Neil Jones: Mayor Holder said we have for consideration a request by Timothy Jones for a minor subdivision of 1128 Dean Forest Road including granting variances from the City's requirements for curbs and gutters, drainage ditches, roadside shoulders, and asphalt or concrete paving materials (the City is requiring hard packed dirt).

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minor subdivision of 1128 Dean Forest Road.

Second Reading, Rezoning Ordinance – Timothy Neil Jones: Mayor Holder read for the second reading an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone certain property owned by Timothy Neil Jones and Gloria Jones from its present zoning classification of "R-A" to an "C-2" zoning classification; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide and effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the rezoning ordinance on the second reading.

Second Reading, Fire Protection Fees Enterprise Fund Ordinance: Mayor Holder read for the second reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 34, pertaining to fire prevention and protection, as amended, so as to establish a fire protection utility; to provide for definitions; to provide for an enterprise fund; to provide for scope of responsibility; to establish service fees; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Fire Protection Fees Enterprise Fund Ordinance on the second reading.

Resolution, Capital Improvement Element: Mayor Holder read a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, adopting the 2010 Capital Improvements Element Annual Update.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Capital Improvement Element Resolution.

Resolution, City of Ethics Re-Certification: Mayor Holder read a resolution readopting the ethics principles and pledges to conduct its affairs accordingly: Serve Others, Not Ourselves, Use Resources with Efficiency and Economy, Treat All People Fairly, Use the Power of Our Positions for the Well Being of Our Constituents and Create an Environment of Honesty, Openness and Integrity.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the City of Ethics Re-Certification Resolution.

Mayor Holder said Brian Johnson, City Manager is not here tonight due to attending a conference in California. He thanked Ron Feldner, Deputy City Manager for filling in.

Councilmember Hall asked the status of the Highway 21 Beautification grant project.

Deputy City Manager said we are still working with DOT to finalize/coordinate the plantings, etc. He said everything should be ready soon.

Councilmember Hall asked if Georgia Power is scheduled to fix the lights in conjunction with the Beautification project.

Deputy City Manager said Brian has been working with Georgia Power to coordinate the work.

Councilmember Hall asked the status of "Welcome to Garden" City sign repairs.

Deputy City Manager said the Public Works Director is handling getting the sign repaired.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council

Adopted: November 1, 2010

